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Sir:

Responsive to a Restriction Requirement mailed January 13, 2003, applicants
Elect Invention I, drawn to claims 1, 12, 82-101 and 121-127, with traverse.

Traverse of Restriction Requirement

The Office Action fails to present a prima facie case for restriction, instead
stating:

"Upon further consideration, restriction to one of the following inventions is
required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1, 12, 82-101, and 121-127, drawn to a transducer with a pole tip
width greater than twenty angstroms, classified in class 360, subclass 121.

II. Claims 128-134, drawn to a transducer with a pole tip face width not
exceeding four hundred angstroms at any part thereof, classified in class 360, subclass
235.4."

Class 360, subclass 121, however, is defined as "Plural gaps: This subclass is
indented under subclass 119. Subject matter including detailed structure of plural gap
transducers."

It is not clear how this classification relates to Invention I.

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Moreover, class 360, subclass 235.4 is defined as "Air bearing surface detail: This subclass is indented under subclass 234.3. Subject matter including specifics of the configuration of a disk confronting slider that generates an air bearing."

It is not clear that this definition is required by Invention II.

For at least these reasons, the Restriction Requirement is asserted to be in error.

Respectfully submitted,



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